

BOOK REVIEW

MICHAEL A. POWELL. 1998. *Trees and Shrubs of the Trans-Pecos and Adjacent Areas. Revised Edition.* (ISBN 0-292-76579-7, hbk.; ISBN 0-292-7653-8, pbk.). The University of Texas Press, P. O. Box 7819, Austin, TX 78713-7819. \$34.95, pbk; \$75.00, hbk. 464 pp., 35 B & W photos, 370 line drawings.

The Trans-Pecos region of Texas, with its numerous montane habitats and low, arid basins is substantially different from other regions of the state. The Trans-Pecos is defined geographically rather than floristically in this work, such that portions of the Edwards Plateau Vegetational Area, and the Chihuahuan Desert are also included. Of course, the Davis Mountains are also home to a great number of interesting and endemic species. Five general vegetation types are recognized.

The present revision of the first edition includes taxonomic or nomenclatural updates in 62 genera treated, and new distributional or taxonomic data for another 60. The nomenclature and presentation more closely correspond to hierarchies recognized by John Kartesz and others, with supplements from monographers and other sources. In some significant cases, keys were re-written. The book covers 447 species of woody plants in 203 genera and 70 families, and is divided into 6 functional parts, including the 1) introduction, 2) key to the classes and subclasses, 3) descriptive flora, 4) selected glossary, 5) literature cited, and 6) index.

Trees and Shrubs of the Trans-Pecos and Adjacent Areas is very straightforward, easy to use, and will surely be useful to all who visit, botanize, study, or otherwise witness the beauty of the Trans-Pecos area of Texas. If we can overlook a few typesetting errors (Ju N glandaceae and not Juglandaceae), the book is perfect for a floristic seminar, any nature study tour, or just to have along to botanize. The glossary is concise and useful, although it is not illustrated, the literature cited is extensive, and the index is very helpful and easy to use. As one might expect, the revision of a classic work has produced something BIGGER AND BETTER, a handy field guide and yet another volume to fit in the side pocket of one's car, so it can be drawn more quickly. I recommend it for everyone in the region!!—*John J. Pipoly III.*